## PRESIDENT OPPOSES SUFFRAGE FOR CITY

Taft at Banquet Is Cham-

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At the Speakers' Table.

Cheered Wildly.

He was interrupted time and time again by thunders of applause. His declaration that the people Washington should be allowed representation in Congress and thus take part in District legislation, as well as national, greeted with outbursts that approached ovations.

Then the President, who had sat, un-

# TAFT'S ATTITUDE ON DISTRICT AFFAIRS

President Taft's ideas of the needs of the District of Columbia, both as to its form of government and its future development, are outlined in his speech at the banquet given by the business men of Washington. His address, revealing as it does his attitude toward the city, is printed in full herewith.

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the pledge with the statement that there must be no suffrage in the District, and that the National Government must continue to rule and control the District government.

beautiful city in which we are permitting in the principle of two Senators from evoters the principle of two Senators fro

charged with interest that bordered on suspense. It came immediately after an eloquent address by Justice Wendell Phillips Stafford of the Supreme Court of the District, who pleaded for the exercise of suffrage by the people of Washington.

Still Is In Doubt.

After differing in the clearest and most emphatic terms with the justices are grament that the District should have one Senator and two Representatives in the National Legislature, Mr. Taff explained that his chief desire is to ascertain whether the present municipal government can be best conducted by three Commissioners or one man, a mayor.

He said frankly he had not made up his mind on this point.

More than 200 of Washington's business and professional men were present in the big banquet hall of the Willard. The hall was transformed into a bower of palms, credar, red roses, and dogwood blossoms. The ceiling was almost hidden by a temporary covering on charles of palms, credar, red roses, and dogwood blossoms. The ceiling was almost hidden by a temporary covering on the founder of this city.

Sympathy in Capital.

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as I look about here into these smiling
faces, these somewhat rotund forms
that give evidence of prosperity, it is
a little difficult for me to realize that
it was about these "caitiffs" and these
"slaves" that Mr. Justice Stafford

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Sisser, chairman of the joint committees of the Chamber of Commerce and the Board of Trade, in charge of the Board of Trade, in charge of the Board of Trade, in charge of the barrenge of the House, the District Commissioners, and members of the House, the District Committees.

At the close of the barquet Mr. Edson arose and, after a brief sketch of the District, introduced Justice Stafford, The justice arose at his place directly opposite the President across the big mail, and in his clear, forceful language, made an impassioned speech, asking that the city of the dumb' be given an interest of the District of Columbia. It is not the damb' be given a problem of the District of Columbia and perhass the problem of the District of Columbia. Now, I am opposed to be franchise in the given and the problem of the District of Columbia. The problem of the House, the District of Columbia and perhass the principles of the House, the District of Columbia. This city is the home of the Government by which in the system of government by which in the system of government by which in the system of government of the District of Columbia. The principles of the House, the District of Columbia and perhass they felt that as we were should be put at the results whether one and should be put at the lead of that early statute said of the time beneral Government to day, and the only question that has been ment of a nation, and when men who is power of committees.

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the District government, wistas into which always creep unbid- ter government in Washington by suchden that beautiful shaft that marks the meetings. I do not want to seem to be abrupt, but I believe it is possible by such meetings as this to arouse the in-

At the speakers' table, which ran the it was about these "caitiffs" and these whether he comes from Washington "slaves" that Mr. Justice Stafford city or Los Angeles, or Texas, when he comes and the spoke.

we do with the government of Washwe do with the government of Washington? Shall we have the present board of three; shall we have one or shall we have some other form? I confess I do not know. My predecesor has recommended a change of the oresent form so as to give the responsibility to one, with the view of vesting that one with the responsibility. On the other hand, it is said that three have worked well; that it gives more opportunity, possibly, for coursel, and that it takes away the bureaucratic charac-

cultural Department, through him-and Giving Back Land. the Treasury Department look after the Then, Justice Stafford, in his very elo-"Whereas, no more territory ought to everything which shall affect the city of Washington shall be done under the chief executive of that city, and by that chief executive. In other words, I which is the seat of the General Government country to the city of Washington, or the District of Columbia, and take all of that entity out of Washington or the District of Columbia, and take all of the operation of the bureaus of the General Government. That is what I understand to be the government today, and the only question that has been mooted is really whether one man should be put at the head of that government as a mayor, or whether you have real legislative functions.

I may never been are better, where you have real legislative functions are reduced to the legislative functions are reduced to the country of the properation of the properati

playgrounds that there are in Wash- Need More Territory. lagrounds that there are in wasn- Neel More Territory.

Ington. It just makes my mouth water for my poor city of Cincinnati when I look out and can see clear down to the Potomac and see six and seven base-bail matches going on with all the fer- protest by the people living here that vor of young America, and nobody to they have not political power; but, I say them hav

worked well; that it gives more opportunity, possibly, for counsel, and that it takes away the bureaucratic character of the government. As I have said, I have reached no conclusion as to what recommendation I shall make to Congress on the subject. I fully concur with Justice Stafford in thinking that it would be nost unwise to introduce into the District what I understand to be a bureaucratic form of government. That is right.

Not For Bureaucracy.

A bureaucratic form of government is one which, as he very well described it, would make the War Department look after the streets; Dr. Wiley, possibly, look after the health—the Agricultural Department through him—and Giving Back Land.

nces. And so as to each branch of quent remarks, called attention to the Interested In District. the government you should go to the fact that in 1846-I am sorry to say it head of that particular department in ought to be characterized, at least as ought to be characterized, at least as to you that I have got into a constitufar as that is concerned, as a day of have recited this

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a minimum and consist in little more And when a gentleman who is paying that you will get the attention you de

think that the justice will find, when he comes to looking into the hearts of genius a hundred years ago, almost, he comes to looking into the hearts of his way, as matchless as Washing-the American people, that they will not no doubt it will be done to make the plan for a great Capible convinced when they come to Washington that the Frenchman whose remains instantible the Washington that the Washington that the Washington that the will be done. be convinced when they come to Washington that the Washingtonians are suffering fo that degree that requires a reversement of the policy adopted, with entire clearness of mind, by the framers of the Constitution. Washington, who doubtless inserted that particular provision in the Constitution, through his influence also had l'Enfant draw the plans of Washington, and the plans of Washington, and the village like Alexandria, and the village that was in the District at the time we came here—that was adapted to a city of magnificent distances, and, therefore the clause was adopted, knowing that just such a city we would have here, and just such a city would flave to get along, relying upon the training in self-government of the representatives of \$0,000,000 of people to do justice by it.

Now, my dear friends, I want to say small things-whi; the Congress could ticipate, but I hope it has not clouded my meaning, which I intended to make as clear as possible, that I am deeply

General Verdict Is That President's Program Will Help Conditions.

(Continued from First Page.)

"I am heartily in accord with what President Taft said last night as to our

William F. Gude.

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## JUSTICE STAFFORD'S PLEA FOR SUFFRAGE IN WASHINGTON

Justice Stafford, of the Supreme Court of the District, in his plea for suffrage for Washington, said in part:

Justice Sinford, of the Supremo Court of the District, in his-point for entiringe for Wainington, soid in part:

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